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MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

DODGE—HARRIMAN.—On Saturday, December 6, at the Fiith Avenue Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. John Hall, D. D., W. Kaml. Dodge and Emeline, daughter of Oliver Harriman.

RYAN—TAYLOR.—In Brooklyn. November 27, bev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., Mr. JAMES A. HYAN to Miss MLLA C. TAYLOR, all of Brooklyn.

SIGHIST—PULTE.—On Thursday, December 4, 1879, Rev. A. Kossler, F. S. Sighart to Therese Bultz, of New York city. No cards.

DIEU.

BAYLES.—At Orange, N. J. Saturday evening, December 6, May Green, infant daughter of James C. and lanthe G. Bayles.

Funeral from residence of parents, «Tuesday, st half-past eleven A. M.

BLUN.—At Nassau, N. P., on Saturday, November 29, Narman Blun, aged 65 years.

Notice of funeral horeafter.

CUMINOS.—Suddenly, on Sunday, December 7, at his residence, 129 East 36th st., James Cuminos.

Notice of funeral horeafter.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DOUGHERIT.—On Saturday, Janz Czcella Doughers.

Entr., widow of the late Charles Dougherty.

The rel tives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday. December 9, from her late residence, No. 364 West 21th st., to the St. Columbus Church, West 25th st., where there will be a requiesy mass at half-past nine o'clock, and thence to Calvary.

San Francisco papers please copy.

Dwyrk.—On December 7, Mrs. Mangaret Dwyrk.

Funeral from her late residence, 162 Perry st., on Tuesday, December 9, at one o'clock.

Duncar.—On Saturday morning. December 6, in the city of New York, Herry P. Duncar, of Natchez, Miss.

DUNCAN.—On Saturday morning, December 6, in the city of New York, HENRY P. DUNCAN, of Natchez, Miss.

The funeral services will be held at Laurel Hill, near Philadelphia.
GRAY.—On Saturday, December 6, 1879, WILLIAM GRAY, aged 33 years.
Belatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, at eight o'clock P. M., Monday, 322 East 50th at.
GUN.—On the 25th November, at 6 Prince of Wales road, N. W., London, England, BITHIAH FRANCES, the wife of Robert Gun, aged 58 years.
HAWES —At Hackensack, N. J., Friday, December 5, LIZZIR, wife of James E. Hawes.
The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the Calvary Baptist Church, West 23d st., this (Monday) morning, at half-past ten.
KAPFF.—Saturday, December 6, Eater a lingering illness, CLARA, eldest daughter of Melanie and Sixt Carl Kapff.
KINNEY.—At Athens, Pa., December 6, LAURA A., wife of George A. Kinney, and daugnter of Juliet and the late Joseph M. Ely.
LITTLE.—At Algiere, Africa, on Saturday, November 29, Hannier Mary, wife of William Little, New York.
Notice of funeral hereafter.
MALTHIR.—Suddenly, on Saturday morning, December 6, 1879, Estelles, beloved wife of Frederick A. Malthie.
Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late resi-

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Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 78 Downing st., Brooklyn, L. I., on Monday, December 8, at half-past two P. M.

MERKA.—On Sunday, December 7, GRORGE W.

MERKA, in the 74th year of his age.

Funeral on Tuesday, the 9th, at eleven o'clock A. M., from the residence of his son, W. L. Mesks, 211 East 86th st.

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MERCHART.—At Carlisle, Pa., Saturday, December 6, 1879, General Charles Spencer Merchart, United States Army, in the 84th year of his age.

McDermort.—On Sunday, December 7, Many Frances Holder, beloved wife of John McDermott, in the 41st year of her age.

Funeral will take place from St, Stephen's Church, East 28th at., on Tuesday, at half-past ten A. M. Rolatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

McKrook.—Suddenly, on Saturday, December 6, 1879, Mary, the beloved wife of Michael McKeogh. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No, 43 Watt st., on Monday, December 8, at one P. M.

O'Coxon.—Saturday, December 6, at her late residence of the same of the sa

one P. M.
O'CONOR.—Saturday, December 6, at her late residence, 396 Hudson st., in the 30th year of her age,
BEATTIEA, wife of P. F. O'Conor.
Funeral on Tuesday at two o'clock P. M.
RAMBAY.—At Nowburg, N. Y., December 6, 1879,
JAMES C. RAMSAY, formerly of this city, in his 75th year. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery Tuesday morn-

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Sillcocks.—At New Brunswick, N. J., December 4, Miss Cornella Sillcocks.

Funeral from her late residence 4 Kirkpatricz at., Monday, 8th inst., tan o'clock.

SMITH.—On Saturday, December 6, BRIDGET SMITH, native of Killenkare, county Cavan, Ireland.

Funeral, this day (Monday), at one P, M., from 345 West 52d st.

STILWELL.—December 5, JORN STILWELL, in the 78th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence at Yonkers, on Monday, the 8th inst., at two P. M. Carriages in waiting on the arrival of the 1:05 train from Forty-second street depot. Please omit flowers.

TRETS.—On December 7, ABTHUR LIVINGSTON, infant son of D. H. and Eliza J. Teets, I month and 15 days old.

Funeral will be held from residence, 77th st., near Boulevard, on Tuesday, December 9, at one P. M. VEGA.—On Saturday, December 6, Brallia Mendez De Vega, Contact, of Matanzas, Island of Cuba, beloved wife of Juan Vega, Esq., of this city, in the 49th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 226 East 29th st., at two P, M., on Monday, December 8, to Flatbush Cemetery.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Congressman Springer, of Illinois, on the Coming Contest.

EXCELLENT DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS.

The Issue Depending on the Votes of Indiana and New York.

Congressman William M. Springer, of Illinois, was in town yesterday and stayed at the Sturtevant House. He is well known to the country through the debates in Congress, in which he has always, since his advent in that body, taken a foremost part. He was prominent in the framing of the bill for the creation of the Electoral Commission, and in the ranks of the democratic party he counts as a factor of no mean quantity. Some people will have it that he is Tilden's chief lieutenant among the Western democracy, and that his visit to New York on this occasion is for the purpose of consulting with the that his visit here has any connection with Mr. Til-

the State of Colorado on private business. There was no general election in the State of Illinois this tred on Ohio and New York. Of course we realize the fact that we were pretty badly beaton in both of these States; but it is a very ill wind that blows good to no one. Victory might have inspired overweening confidence in the future and caused our party to take extreme positions in Congress, and a reaction has had in twenty years. With these States reably certain New Jersey and Connecticut will be

clection, our party in Illinois would confidently expect to bring that State into the democratic column."

"But suppose New York should provide for the election of Presidential electors by Congressional districts, how would this affect your calculations?"

"I concede the fact that it is within the province of any State, through its Legislature, to determine the manner in which Presidential electors shall be chosen; but, in view of all the circumstances, I do not see how the republican party in New York could afford to take the responsibility at this time of providing a different mode of electing Presidential electors in order to effect a party advantage. The trick—and I can characterize it by no milder term—would be unworthy of a great party, and its object, would be so transparent that the conscience of the country would condemn it. Besides this, the republican party must remember that the power of counting the votes for Presidentiand Vice President is lodged in the two houses of Congress, both of which are now, and will be when the votes are to be counted, democratic. A democratic Congress would very carefully scrutinize disputed votes that might come up from any part of the country, and should an apparent majority be secured by the republicans and disputed questions be involved in the count, all doubts would be solved in favor of, democratic electors, and even legal devices which might secure advantage to them would not be sufficient to outwelph irregularities in the votes of States which might necessitate their rejection by the two houses of Congress. In other words, I think it bad policy for the republicans to initiate the campaign by resort to doubtful expedients while the constitutional right of counting and deciring the result rests with the democratic party in Congress. But assuming that the Legislature of New York may make provision for the election of Presidentia electors by Congressional districts, it is by no means certain that the result would avail them. The democratic candidates for President an

with three votes to spare, assuming that the South would be solid."

"Who, Mr. Springer, in your judgment would be the strongest man to run for President on the democratic ticket?"

"It is too early at this time to make predictions as to candidates. I am myself in doubt as to how the ticket should be constituted. Subsequent events must determine this question. I think there is a general feeling among prominent men in the democratic party to defer to New York and Indians in the selection of a ticket. If New York can unite on a candidate for President and Indians on the Vice President or vice versa, the party in all probability in other States would acquiesce in their choice. We regard Indians and New York as the great pivotal States, and the party in those States ought to be consulted, especially in the choice of candidates. I care nothing for individuals. Availability, which includes the characteristics of ability, integrity and worth, ought to govern in the selection of the ticket."

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"Do you think Mr. Tilden will be the nominee of the party?"

"Whether Mr. Tilden be nominated or not depends upon the general conditions which I have already mentioned. His availability as a candidate would depend upon a united support of the party from New York. Whether that can be obtained or not I am unable to say, but this fact will be fully determined long before the democratic nominating convention will assemble."

"Should Mr. Tilden isil to get the nomination what name would you suggest?"

"I have none to suggest at this time; but, fortunately for the democratic party, we are not without ample material for the selection of a Presidential ticket. If the other States should fail to present more acceptable candidates Illinois, hitherto fruit of Presidential material, will supply an available man either for President or Vice President."

"Pray, who is he?"

"Lyman Trumbull, John M. Palmer, Congressman Morrison and David Davis are all above the average in intellectual attainments or statesmanlike qualities of those who have occupied the White House recently, and it would be very strange indeed if they could not do better than such men as Grant and Haves."

"Were you not a member of the joint committee of Congress that framed the Electoral Commission bill?"

"THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

"Is it true, as stated in a Washington despatch to

of Congress that framed the Electoral Commission bill?"

"I was."

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

"Is it true, as stated in a Washington despatch to a daily paper in this city this morning, that the selection of the Judges of the Supreme Court who were members of the Commission was lodged in the Supreme Court itself?"

"The article to which you refer states that the Court was authorized to select five of its number who should be members of the commission. This is a mistake. The Electoral bill named four judges by the circuits to which they were assigned—namely, Judges Miller and Strong, republicans, and Judges Clifford and Field, democrate, and the bill further provided that these four judges should select from the Court another, who should constitute the fifth member of the judgical part of the commission. Therefore Judge Bradley could not have been selected except with the vobe of Judge Clifford or Judge Field. It was supposed at the time that the four judges named in the bill would select Judge Davis as the fifth judge, he being the oldest in commission of any of the judges not named in the bill. After the bill was reported to the two houses Judge Davis was elected Sonator of the United States by the Legislature of Illinois. This fact caused him to entertain a delicacy as to the propriety of his accepting a place on the commission and his acceptance of the commission the fact that he could not under the circumstances serve as one of the body. Had he not been elected Sonator I have no doubt of his appointment as one of the commission and his acceptance of the spointment. He was in favor of the Electoral bill and of the mode of settling the Presidential difficulty which was provided therein; hence the article to which you call my attention. Stating that the selection of the judges on the commission was made by the Supreme Court itself and that Judge Davis did not have faith in the Electoral Commission as a mode of settling the Presidential difficulty is erroneous. The truth of history is as I have stated it."

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through both houses of this Congress, and it is equally certain that the law requiring the coitage of not less than \$2,000,000 nor more than \$4,000,000 of silver will not be amended or modified in any respect. While it is possible that the Warner Silver bill, providing for the unlimited coinage of silver, may pass, yet it is equally certain that the President will velocit and thus prevent it becoming a law. The general sentiment in Congress at this time seems to be to let financial questions severely alone during this session so far as practical legislation is concerned. There may be, and doubtless will be, many resolutions and speeches on the subject, but the commercial interests of the country may rely implicitly on the fact that the present condition of things will not be disturbed. I do not make this statement as reflecting my own wishes, but as a question of fact, which will be realized in the course of events. Such is the division of sentiment in Congress and between Congress and the President on financial questions that any important legislation is next to impossible for the present."

After the interview with the reporter ended Mr. Springer locked his value, picked up his overcost and started by the night train for Washington.

EX-SECRETARY ROBESON.

HE WOULD LIKE GRANT FOR A THIRD TERM,

and present member of Congress from New Jersey, representing the Camdeu district, returned from HERALD reporter encountered him yesterday just as to take the train for Philadelphia to return to his constituents and his home in the little New Jersey

"Mr. Robeson," said the reporter, "during your visit to Europe there came to us a story that you visit to Europe there came to us a story that you had declared yourself for Grant very earnestly for another term in the Presidency, and that you also desired to be Secretary of the Navy euce more for the purpose of obtaining an opportunity of vindicating yourself from accusations which were published against your mans, ement of the Navy Department. Mr. Robeson inushed good humoredly and replied:—"I never said anything like that in Europe, and have no idea how such a story could have originated, if it was not manufactured here. I would not be Secretary of the Navy again under any circumstances. Nothing could induce me to accept the position again. I have been through that mill, and once is enough. But I am in favor of General Grant. I would give him any office he wants. Of course I am his friend always; but I do not believe he wants the Presidency, although I have not seen him for two years."

"Do you think the current is setting toward "Do you think the current is setting toward Grant?"

"I wish I could give some information on that point. But I have been out of the country since Congress adjourned last summer, and for ten days I have been out of the world. I am rather behindhand in point of information. You know how a set yoyage isolates one. I have not seen any one since I came home, and I don't know anything about politics. As I said before, I am in favor of Grant if he will accept the Presidency, but I do not think b' will. I think he has had enough of it, too."

Further conversation made it evident that Mr. Robeson knew nothing about the "Grant boom," and had no opinion to express as to its significance or importance until he has been home long enough to post humself.

"After Grant, Mr. Robeson, who do you tbink the republican party would make its candidate?"

"Well, I am a friend of both Blaine and Conkling," he replied, in a non-committal manner. "but it would be impossible for me now to say who will be the man."

BUILDINGS BADLY DAMAGED.

THE BURSTING OF A SEWER IN THIRD AVENUE The fronts of three new buildings in Third avenue, between 101st and 102d streets, fell in with a terrible serious loss of life might have occurred. The accident was caused by the sewer being completely clogged up between 101st and 102d streets, thus causing the water in the ceilar of one of the buildings to overflow. The foundation of one of the columns was washed away, and, there being no other support, the walls naturally caved in. The houses are built of brick, five stories high, and had brown stone fronts, in a style which appears far more ornamental thear substantial. They are owned by Duffy Brothers, real estate owners and builders, whose office is located at 1,850 Third avenue, a few doors away. The street, in iron of the buildings which are numbered respectively 1,838, 1,849 and 1842, is covered with debris and rubbish. Several iron girlers, weighing many hundred pounds, fell during the accident. The ornamental cornices on all of the buildings are loose, and one especially is retained in its place only by a few comparatively weak beams. Precautions have been taken, however, to guard against turther accident. A rough lence has been erected around the ruins, and several officers have been detailed to keep off the curious. A HEMALD reporter, wishing to discover the listure of the break in the sewer, clambered over the debris and entered the ruins, but upon hearing the cornice creak as it swayed to and fro in the wind, while a voice cried out, "Look out there, or you'll be a dead reporter!" he abandoned the object he had in view and beat a hasty retreat. Throughout the day large crowds visifed the spot auxious to catch a glimpse of the ruins. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

WHAT THE OWNERS MAY.

The elder Mr. Duffy explained to the reporter that no blame could be laid on the owners' shoulders, as the Building Department had caused the ruins to be examined yesterday morning and had reported that there was no fault whatever to be rbund against either the owners or the building." Said he, "that the sewers were completely stopped up between 101st and 102d streets, and during the storm has night they must have bur

GREENPOINT'S DEBT-LADEN CHURCH.

Rev. Father Murphy, the recently appointed pas-ter of St. Anthony's Church, Greenpoint, yesterday assured his parishioners that no uncasiness should be felt regarding the reported sale of St. Anthony's. The Manhattan Life Insurance Com-Anthony's. The manhattan Life Insurance Company, he said, holds mortgages on the church to the amount of \$75,000. The interest had been permitted to accumulate so that it reached about \$15,000 last July. In order to obtain this amount the company forcelosed one mortgage of \$15,000 on the 20th of last month, at the same time promising that no one should be disturbed, no advantage taken and no transfer of title made, provided the back interest were regularly paid in instalments of \$1,000 on the lat of every month. "In this sense," Father Murphy continued, "the church is ours, and will so remain. Therefore, let no one be uneasy. Instead of our debt growing larger it is growing 'maller very rapidly. To-day is set apart, because it is the first Sunday of the month, for an extraordinary collection. The collection the first Sunday in November was \$300. On the lat of January I hope to be able to pay the second instalment, \$1,000. Debts amounting to over \$3,000 have been settled since October 1. I have received liberal deductions from the amount of the accounts, in one case a deduction of \$1,410, for a prompt settlement. While these cadeuctions have greatly encouraged and assisted me the large payments have left me bare of means, and a most urgent claim of \$1,000 is to be met if I can do so. I can only meet it by your assistance, which to-day, and especially next Sunday, I hope will be generously given."

"IT'S SIX WEEKS NEXT MONDAY."

John Purcell, in the Tombs Court yesterday, remarked confidentially to a reporter in reference to case of assault and battery in which he was the defendant, "Wait till I get on the stand and then look out for devel-opements." Thrice, in his eagerness to acquaint the magistrate with the correct version of the affair, he got upon the witness stand at the wrong time, and was unceremoniously hustled oft by a court policeman. At length his opportunity to speak arrived.

"Yer, Henor," he began, carefully placing his high hat in a spot he had brushed clear of dirt.

"Well," said the Court, "what have you to say? If anything, let it be brief."

"I'll put you in possession of the intoire facts in this case," he replied, with a nod of solf-assurance, "Dick, as makes the charge, and meself have known one anither these fifteen years. The way we became acquainted was"—

"Never mind how you became acquainted."

"Well, it's a matther of small account, anyway. Three years ago we had a sort of faking out betune us, and it was in this way"—

"Pass that by aiso. Time is precious. Come to the day of the assault."

"I'm comin' to it, Yer Honor. It's six weeks next Monday"——

"We can't listen to what happened then." case of assault and battery in which he was the de-

"I'm comin' to it, Yer Honor. It's six weeks nexts Monday"—
"We can't listen to what happened then."
"Weil, Yer, Honor, two weeks ago"—
"Mr. Purceil?"
"Yes, sor."
"Down stairs you'll find a prison keeper nest your cell. He has more time on his hands than I. You can tell him your narrative in instalments. Next January you will about reach the time when the blows were struck. We'll send for you then. In the meanwhite, good day."
Purceil was removed.

THE SILVER LAKE MURDER.

Argument in the matter of the appeal from the conviction or Edward Reinhardt, the Silver Lake murderer, will be heard to-day before the General Term, Supreme Court, Kings county. Argument was to have been heard in Brocklyn in Severmber, but the case was adjourned. To-day the counsel will present the points upon which a new trial is sought. Judges Barnard, Pratt and Gilbert will pre-side.